

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 7, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman, Lindsay Phillips, Rodney Gray and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were the Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Roger Keel and Neville Samson from the Rural Development Association. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor.

At this time a discussion arose with Mr. Keel and Mr. Samson concerning the BARDA building on Station Road. Mr. Samson stated that Mr. Keel and he are trustees to Regional Development in the province responsible to take care of this building since BARDA is no more. At present there are no tenants in this building and therefore no income. The building needs maintenance work done on it. The question is "who is going to pay to have this building repaired?" Mr. Keel and Mr. Samson agreed to try and get the deeds to the land and building so that Council can decide the best route to take to get this building repaired and occupied.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Keel and Mr. Samson retired from the meeting.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that the minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. New Zamboni for Stadium. It was agreed to meet with the Stadium Manager re this matter at the next Council meeting.

B. Condition of property on Strathie's Road owned by Public Works and Govt. Services Canada. The R.C.M.P sent an e-mail stating that they keep these properties in good condition; however, if there are any problems, we need to identify them and the R.C.M.P. will deal with them on a priority basis.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Councillor Randell wanted to know when the outside workforce will come on. It was stated that after May 24 weekend, the workers will be hired on.

(3) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

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A. Wind development in Bonavista area. It was agreed to write the Minister of Natural Resources requesting a meeting re wind development.

B. Improved walkway from Coster Street to The Neck that is frequented by students from Matthew Elementary. It was agreed to try and get a project to improve this walkway when the bridge that was destroyed by Igor is replaced.

C. Repairs to flowerbed on the corner of Coster Street and Church Street. It was agreed to have this flowerbed repaired.

(4) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Replacement of boardwalk around Beaver Pond that was destroyed by Igor. Work on this is progressing at the Provincial Government level.

B. Financial Statements for Garrick Theatre. Councillor Phillips requested a copy of these financial statements.

C. Delinquent Taxpayers. It was agreed that delinquent taxes are to be paid and measures must be taken to collect these taxes.

D. Town Hall. Do we renovate this building or move to Coster Street?

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Paving Michael Ryder Avenue complete with curb and gutter. It was agreed to call tenders to have this work done out of Gas Tax Funds.

B. Property of the late James Sexton which needs work done on it to secure it. It was agreed to check this matter out.

C. Clean-up of various properties around town. It was stated that these properties must be cleaned up immediately.

(6) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Matthew Legacy Inc. Deputy Mayor Robbins states we cannot let this go.

A discussion then arose concerning the business arising out of the minutes:-

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(1) Bonavista Retirement Center (Luxury Estates) requesting a tax agreement with Council for 2011, 2012 and 2013. They suggest \$10,000.00 for 2011; \$12,500.00 for 2012; and \$15,000.00 for 2013. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Moulard to charge Bonavista Retirement Center 50% of taxes for 2011 as previously agreed on and 60% of taxes for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Rick Elliott requesting Council's assistance with water and sewer services to his new apartment units on Bland's Lane. The cost of this water and sewer service is \$106,760.14. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Elliott at the next Council meeting to discuss this matter further.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. The Town Clerk presented a list of bills for approval to pay. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$120,133.15 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Patrick Carroll requesting a reduction of water and sewer tax for four months since he had his water shut off from December 8, 2011, to March 30, 2012 - eight days short of four months. He claims he didn't know there was a four month minimum if you were not to be charged for water and sewer. It was agreed to waive the water and sewer tax for this four month period for Mr. Carroll as per his request.

(3) Letter from concerned citizens of The Neck requesting a meeting with Council about the proposed development on the Playground. It was stated that this Committee will meet with the Recreation Committee of Council on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

At this time Councillor Phillips retired from the meeting.

(4) Letter from C.U.P.E. Local 1839 re summer hours for employees. It was agreed to give the Council employees summer hours as per previous practice from June 1 to Labour Day.

At this time Councillor Phillips returned to the meeting.

(5) Letter from Robbins-By-The-Sea requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since their business is only open from June to September. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Randell to give Robbins-By-The-Sea a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

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(6) Rodney Oldford recently acquiring a parcel of land on 31C Rocky Drung on which there are taxes accumulated in the amount of \$2,350.00. Mr. Oldford wants to know if he can get a partial exemption of taxes since he just took possession of this land and had no control over arrears of taxes. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Mouland to reduce those taxes by 50% up to December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Harbour View Bed & Breakfast requesting exemption of Business Tax for part of 2012 since he is only open four months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to exempt Harbour View Bed & Breakfast 50% of Business Tax for 2012 since he is only open four months of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) John Keats requesting reimbursement from Council in the amount of \$8,300.00. This is the amount it cost him to repair and clean up his house after a sewer backup caused a lot of damage. This amount is over and above what his insurance would cover. It was agreed to forward this to our insurance company for their investigation.

(9) "Thank You" card from the ladies in the Front Office for meal on "Administrative Professionals Day 2012."

At this time Councillor Randell retired from the meeting.

(10) Robin Paul requesting permission to erect a fence on Groves' Lane. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Gray to issue a permit for this fence. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Councillor Randell returned to the meeting.

(11) Town of Bonavista representative on the Discovery Regional Services Board. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray for Councillor Mouland to serve on this Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m